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EVIDENTLY Harry Hawes thinks 'tis more advantageous to be a Police Commissioner than to be a Democrat. Mr. Hawes will not long be anything politically.

Not a dollar for public shows—that is, not a dollar of the money taken from the people through taxation. This is the REGISTER's position on all World's Fair projects—whether the show be given in New York, St. Louis or Patagonia.

If he be elected on the Democratic ticket will Mayor Wells support the National and State Democratic nominees in the coming elections? Or will he contribute his mite to the next Hanna campaign fund and supplement his money with his vote?

It is said that the man nominated for Mayor by the Democrats in St. Louis voted against the nominee for President in 1896 and 1900. What brand of Democracy have they in St. Louis that nominates such a man? It is certainly to be hoped he will be defeated at the polls.

OUR friends of the pharmacopoeia want "protection," too, we see. They have a bill before the legislature which, if it becomes law, will forbid the sale of patent medicines by everybody except the druggists. The REGISTER will favor it, with an amendment forbidding the sale of candies, soda water, soaps, perfumeries, cigars, tooth-brushes, etc., by the druggists. "Tit for tat," says Barney O'Moore.

THE medical profession seems to need more protection than any other calling known to humanity. Just now there is a bill before the Missouri legislature the intent and purpose of which is, no matter how disguised in "public welfare" verbiage, to restrict the practice of medicine to the three prominent schools. The REGISTER, upon due reflection, is opposed to the bill, and had intended in its own poor way giving the reasons for its opposition; but it finds, in the message of Gov. Thomas vetoing a similar bill passed by the Colorado legislature, the matter so clearly and forcibly set down that it gladly adopts his words and views as its own. Read them: "The fundamental vice of the bill is that it denies absolutely to the individual the right to select his own physician. This is a right of conscience, and as that which enables the citizen to worship God as he may desire. It is, indeed, the same right manifesting itself in a parallel direction. It is a part of the law of the land, and no civil power is strong enough to deprive the citizen of its existence. He may indeed select a healer of doubtful reputation or conceded incompetence, but that is his affair just as much as is his choice of a minister or an attorney. His action may prove injurious, possibly fatal to himself or to some member of his family. It is better so than to delegate to any tribunal the power to say 'thou shalt not employ this man,' or 'thou shalt not employ this one.' That this bill produces such a result indirectly makes it the more objectionable. It is not the outspoken and aggressive assault upon individual liberty that men should fear, but the indirect or resultant blow that is masked and falls unexpectedly. The bill, like all kindred forms of paternalism, assumes that the citizen can not take care of himself. The State must lead him as a little child lest he fall into trouble unawares. He must be guided and chided, limited here and licensed there, for his own protection. Such a system, born of the union of church and state, crumbled into ashes in the crucible of experience. It can not flourish though disguised in the garments of an alleged public necessity. The privilege of choosing one's own physician is a positive essential to the public health. Confidence of the patient in the healer does more to restore him than all the drugs that ever medicated man. Give the sick physicians of the greatest ability; without that trust which links the one to the other, their acts are apt to fail them. Give the sick physicians of mean capacity; if the bond of sympathy exists between them, its influence will find expression through the remedies suggested. Yet this bill assumes to thrust the coarse machinery of the criminal law into one of the most sacred relations of human life, to drag the chosen physician, if unlicensed, from the sick room to the prison cell and to substitute for him some one who, however exalted and honorable, may not command the confidence or secure the sympathy of his patient."

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express publicly our gratitude to the many friends and neighbors, who so kindly assisted and comforted us during our sad bereavement the death of our dear son and brother, Charles Polk Downs, who died in Phoenix, Ariz. May many blessings be bestowed upon them, and may they all find such friends in their hour of affliction as they have proven themselves to be.

SARAH E. DOWNS AND CHILDREN.

St. Louis Letter.

Clash the cymbals, beat the drum,
Blow the horn and shoot the gun,
Sound Hosannas in the air—
We've got it—The World's Fair.

For our generous Uncle Sam
Says, "This business is no sham,
I believe those fellows honest—
Here's five millions as a bonus."

But now since we've got the Fair,
Question—who will be our Mayor?
Will it be our Onkel Heine
With his moon so bright and shiny?

Or will our goldman Rolla Wells
Who o'er the Jeff. Club cast his spells
Or is Meriwether the man
With his independent plan?

Perhaps the Silver opposition
Will give Zach Tinker the position
Or will Mrs. Nation state
She's Prohibition's Candidate?

Who e'er the lucky man may be
Who rules o'er us in 1903
We'll sound his fame o'er land and sea
Tho' not a member of the I. C. C.

—The Iron Co. Poetical Society.

Hugh T. Pattison has engaged a female elevator operator. She, however, must not have had experience, as she took several of our visitors to the basement instead of to the Club rooms.

The new Postal Guide for 1901 for those interested in the growth of the postoffice system of our country, will prove a mighty interesting reading. There are 76,554 post offices in the United States, not including the Philippines. Pennsylvania comes first with 5,216; Missouri eighth, with 2,993; and the one with the least number, our new possession Samoa, with one office, namely Pago Pago.

All presidents are honored with post offices of their names as follows: Washington 31, Adams 22, Jefferson 27, Madison 25, Monroe 31, Jackson, 28, Van Buren 11, Harrison 20, Tyler 11, Polk 12, Taylor 21, Fillmore 14, Pierce 8, Buchanan 14, Lincoln 32, Johnson 21, Grant 23, Hayes 8, Garfield 26, Arthur 19, Cleveland 32, McKinley 17. If you include Jefferson City, Monroe City, Johnson City, Grant City, our State includes all Presidents except Hayes.

There can be no two pastoffices of the same name in the same state, and this probably gives rise to many odd names. The following are a few of the long list: Or, Ohio; Pig, Ky.; Mule, Oregon; Snake, Minn.; Deer, Ark.; Racoon, Pa.; Rabbit, Ga.; Rabbit Hash, Ky.; Dog Tooth, N. Dak.; O. K. Miss.; Mouse Tail, and A. B. C. Tenn.; Chickie Chockie, I. T.; and others hard on orthography and pronunciation. Try a few of these in our new possession Hawaii: Ales, Elele, Heela, Pepeekeo, Ulupalakua, Walohi-nu. Space prohibits a longer list, but we will just add that in our glorious domain there are twenty-two Arcadias, eight Irontons, four Middlebrooks, four Pilot Knobs, and five Granitewilles.

Miss Annie Peetz, of Pilot Knob, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Eckert, of Billon Ave.

Officer Barney Reagan, who has traveled the toughest beats in the city, and who has the best record of any officer on the force, is taking a few days' vacation. Everybody, from the little newsboys to the old time rounders have been asking, "Where's Barney?" Zulema Temple No. 54, will give a Ladies' Night Friday evening, March 1st, to the members of the D. O. K. K. Admission will be by ticket only, and but one lady will be entitled to accompany each votary. These entertainments have always been a success, and this will be no exception to the rule. Several of the Iron Co. boys are members of this organization.

A silver cup handsomely engraved passed through St. Louis last week addressed to E. L. Clevenger, agent of the I. M. & S. at Williamsville, Mo., Miss Helen Gould being the donor. The cup was a present to an infant daughter of Mr. Clevenger who was christened Helen. Miss Gould is noted for her liberal charity, and will always be remembered by the railroad men, and the boys in blue. May the little girl grow up to be as charitable as her god-mother.

The Iron Co. Club entertained a number of its friends at a Washington Birthday Banquet Friday evening.

MENU.

Little Neck Clams
Horse Radish
Worcestershire Sauce
Tomato Catsup
Blue Point on half shell
Tabasco Sauce
Vinegar
Olive Oil
Butter
Rye Bread
Oleomargarine
Axle Grease
Black and Tan (Special Brew)
Cakes

Sapallo
Ivory Soap
Pearline
Cigars—Old Virginia Cheroots
The following were the toasts for the evening:

"Our Club—The good it does, and who it does."—Fred Killalee.
"Our wives and sweethearts, may they never meet."—Hon. Arthur E. Geserich.

"Is black-malling a crime?"—Fred Smith.

"Ups and downs of an elevator boy."—W. C. Moore.

The whole proceeding was a howling success, and every one was fully satisfied.

Frank Parent, of the Donovan Real Estate Co., called at the Club regarding information of mineral lands in Iron county, where his firm has secured some valuable options. Our geological expert furnished him with the desired information, and Mr. Parent as a token of his appreciation forwarded to the Club a box of "Perfector."

On next Saturday evening Mr. Parent will meet Teddy McGovern in a six round sparring contest at the Imperial Theatre. Mr. Garen has announced that he will furnish several passes for the occasion, and states he will give the Club boys preference. Every member is hereby requested to call at Mr. Garen's office, and be present the night of the contest.

Wm. J. Biel, of Granite City, Ill., notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, still keeps up his training in the pedestrian line. Will rides in from Granite City, and walks back from Park avenue each Wednesday and Sunday evening.

Messrs. Biel, Parent and Jaquith, and Messrs. Fathman, Fritsch and Charlton, made up a merry party who had a splendid evening last Friday at the ice palace. Our president surprised his friends by some fancy skating that was not included in the program.

G. H. Broadwell has been visiting friends in East St. Louis. Couldn't

you find time to visit the Club, Harold?

The *Dunklin News* publishes an article of a Maldenite who had the entire bone removed in his right arm, from elbow to shoulder. Cap says he tells this story because it is humorous.

Rabbi M. Spitz, editor of *The Jewish Voice*, furnishes the Club with regular copies of his brilliant publication. His editorials are very cosmopolitan in their composition, and includes everything from "Beersheba's en unto Dan." In one of his articles the editor states that Rabbi Silverman, of Temple Emanu-El, New York City, admirably defends the Mosaic law, and states in criticism of Wu Ting Fang's defence of Confucianism against Christianity, that their law is the origin of both. Rabbi Spitz further says, that the same would have proven much stronger, had it been delivered on the Jewish Sabbath instead of the Qiddush hash-Shem. We would respectfully ask the editor of this paper for his opinion on this delicate subject.

Casper M. Edwards, of the *Dunklin News*, one of the brightest publications in Southeast Mo., comes out with this startling announcement: "We want a correspondent in every postoffice. Write for particulars." Let's see Cap: There are 72,504 postoffices in the United States. (See article elsewhere in this column.) Allowing one minute to read each correspondence, it would take you Cap, one thousand two hundred and nine hours and forty-five minutes, or fifty-two days, one hour and forty-five minutes to look over all your correspondence. Giving you a few Sundays off, you would get through with your week's batch every two months. Cap, we think by the time you get to some of your Buzzville Budgets, they would be growing a crop of Populistic whiskers.

S. A. Lay attended the Hoos-Hoos Pretty Ball at Anchor Hall on the South Side Thursday night. Steve reports a jolly time.

The Board of Commissioners for the new State Insane Asylum No. 4, now being built at Farmington, Mo., met at the Laclede Hotel Thursday preparatory to a trip to Farmington for an inspection of the grounds. They will have all the buildings of the Asylum connected by tunnel.

Mr. W. C. Moore, formerly of Fort Scott, Kan., now located in St. Louis, was duly initiated as a member of the Iron Co. Club at the last meeting. Mr. Moore is also a member of the Independent Order of Red Men, Osage Tribe, No. 1, and Woodmen of the World Live Oak Camp, No. 41, of Fort Scott, Kan., and a member of Relief Hose Co. No. 3. Mr. Moore's present address is room No. 100, Imperial Bldg., 10th and Pine St.

A large number of soldiers passed through St. Louis Thursday morning enroute to the Philippine Islands. They were from Columbus, Ohio, and consisted of 60 officers and 305 enlisted men.

The Sons of Revolution held their annual business meeting and banquet at the Southern Hotel Friday afternoon and evening. The business meeting was called to order at 2 o'clock. Members from all parts of the State were present, both there and at the banquet. Bishop Tuttle presided at the Banquet, also Henry Cadle, of Bethany, Mo., who acted as secretary. The gold and bronze medals to the winners on essays among the High School scholars will be mentioned later. Louis Mendel, manager of the Jester, W. C. Moore, of the Imperial Theatre, and Mr. F. J. Killalee captured a large sewer rat at the Imperial Theatre the other afternoon. They were holding a consultation as to how to dispose of Mr. Rat when Terry McGovern and his famous Spitz dog happened along, and it was decided that Mr. Dog and Mr. Rat see which is the best one. The last accounts furnished were that Mr. Rat triumphed over both the boys and dog.

Mr. Lorenz A. Seitz, Ph. G., is keeping very quiet since his amateur performance as the Hebrew of Morgan St. We hope to see Lorenz on the stage again, and we are informed that he has received several offers from several stage managers.

Miss Blanche Anderson, one of the beautiful and popular young ladies of the North Side, surprised one of our young members very greatly one afternoon last week by stopping off on her way home, and sending up to the Club her appreciation for a small present which she had received. You can rest assured Miss Anderson that your kind act in recognizing the receipt of same, and your most welcome visit will always be remembered by him, and he will always consider himself under obligations to you. Sorry you were in such a hurry though.

Some of the Club boys are accusing John of the Jester of welshing.

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